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PASS U.S. EXIMBANK PRIORITY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BENC KS
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: SEOHAE THERMAL PLANT - TWO 200 MW
ANTHRACITE COAL FIRED UNITS

REF: (A) STATE 14874, (B) 77 SEOUL 1911

1. ABSENCE OF SEOHAE PROJECT FROM ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD (EPB) PRIORITY LIST CAME TO EMBASSY ATTENTION JANUARY 17 ON WHICH DAY WE INQUIRED AT EPB. EVIDENTLY IN COURSE OF RECENT PERSONNEL CHANGES AT EPB, LISTING OF PROJECT WAS OVERLOOKED. FIRST LOAN DIVISION IMMEDIATELY DRAFTED CABLE INSTRUCTING COUNSELOR KANG AT ROK EMBASSY WASH DC TO INFORM U.S. EXIMBANK THAT PROJECT ENJOYS PRIORITY AND IS ON THE LIST BEING PREPARED FOR 1978 PROJECTS. CABLE TOOK TWO DAYS IN CLEARANCE AND WAS SENT EVENING OF 19TH, AND WE INTENDED CABLE REPORT THIS DATE.

2. AS EMBASSY REPORTED PARA 6 REFTEL (B), DATED MARCH 9, 1977, KECO REQUESTED EPB PRIORITY LISTING FROM THE BEGINNING AND NO REAL DOUBT EXISTED THAT THE PROJECT WOULD NOT BE PICKED UP ON THE 1978 PRIORITY LIST. NO REPEAT NO
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"CATCH 22" SITUATION HAS IN FACT EXISTED.

3. RE PERSONNEL CHANGES OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO USS.
EXIMBANK: PARK JONG-GUN HAS RECEIVED TWO GRADE PROMOTION TO BUREAU LEVEL POSITION OF DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FOREIGN CONTRACT REVIEW VICE DR. CHAN JIN KIM WHO WAS SECONDED TO THE BLUE HOUSE ECON STAFF. PARK'S REPLACEMENT AS DIRECTOR, SECOND

LOAN DIVISION, ECON COOP BUREAU, WHICH HANDLES U.S. EXIM AND
WORLD BANK AFFAIRS, IS WI-TCHOL KANG WHO BRINGS WITH HIM INTI-
MATE KNOWLEDGE OF KECO, POSCO AND OTHER MAJOR ROKG-OWNED FIRMS
FOR WHICH HE HAS HERETOFORE BEEN RESPONSIBLE AS DIRECTOR OF THE
FOURTH LOAN DIVISION. SECOND LOAN DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
SUK-IN KANG, EXIM CASE OFFICER AND ECON COOP BUREAU DIRECTOR
GENERAL TCHAH REMAIN IN PLACE.
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